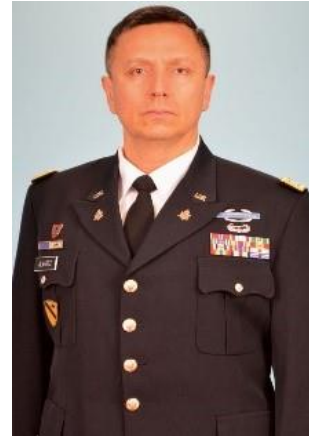


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LTC Alvarez started his military career as an enlisted infantry soldier in 1988. Thereafter, he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the infantry from the Florida Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. He is a graduate from the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advance Course Phase 1, Civil Affairs Advance Course, CAX Course, and ILE Course.

LTC Alvarez's assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, TOW Platoon Leader, TOW Company Executive Officer, Mortar Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Executive Officer, OIC for NQPs with C-3/20th SFG, and eventually Company Commander for A-3-485 IN (BCT) (USAR). LTC Alvarez also served as the State Counterdrug Training Officer for the Michigan Army National Guard with focus on training police SWAT Teams. LTC Alvarez served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer embedded in the Iraqi Army as an Advisor in 2006-2007 in Diyala Province, Iraq. He also served a Governance/Rule of Law/and Liaison Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, in 2010-2011.

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LTC Alvarez received his Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

LTC Alvarez's awards include Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Bronze Star; Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award); Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award); Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with Three Campaign Stars; Army Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal With 20-Year Device; Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award); Army Reserve Component Overseas Ribbon (7th Award); Presidential Unit Citation; Joint Meritorious Unit Award (3rd Award); Combat Infantry Badge; and Air Assault Badge.